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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:

international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

The international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:

pages _____ 1-5 _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages* 1-15 _____ received by this Authority on 16 May 2005 (16.05.2005)

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:

pages 1/6-6/6 _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (specify): _____
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (specify): _____
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

1. Claim 1 relates to a coupling structure in a mount for a mobile radio terminal for the electromagnetic coupling of HF signals between the antenna of the mobile radio terminal and the mount.

2. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-A-6 134 421 (SANTOS THEODORE R ET AL)
17 October 2000 (2000-10-17)

D2: EP-A-0 999 607 (NOKIA MOBILE PHONES LTD)
10 May 2000 (2000-05-10)

D3: EP-A-0 776 339 (NOKIA MOBILE PHONES LTD)
2 April 1997 (1997-04-02)

D4: US-A-5 668 561 (PERROTTA ALESSANDRO ET AL)
16 September 1997 (1997-09-16)

D5: DE-A-199 15 246 (PHILIPS CORP INTELLECTUAL PTY)
5 October 2000 (2000-10-05)

D6: US-A1-2001/001343 (LOGOTHETIS JAMES) 24 May 2001
(2001-05-24).

3. Document D4 is considered to be the closest prior art for the subject matter of claim 1. D4 discloses a coupling structure in a mount for a mobile radio terminal for the electromagnetic coupling of HF signals between the antenna of the mobile radio terminal and the mount, to which an external antenna

is connected. The coupling structure is multi-layered and comprises a plurality of partial coupling structures arranged in substantially parallel planes.

The subject matter of claim 1 differs therefore from the known coupler in that one of these partial coupling structures consists of two or more differently shaped partial structures designed for different wavelengths.

Document D1 describes a coupling structure in a mount for a mobile radio terminal, in which a second frequency range can be transmitted by means of an additional parasitic coupling element. However, a combination of the two documents would not lead a person skilled in the art to the arrangement and shaping of the partial coupling structures for coupling different frequency bands as claimed in claim 1.

Consequently, claim 1 meets the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.

Claims 2-15 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.